



Policy for Accessing Public Places With Your Guiding Eyes Pup

Guiding Eyes puppies on program do not have the same access rights to public places as working guides dogs in all states ([Revised ADA Requirements: Service Animals](#)). Even if you live in a state that does afford the same access rights to puppies on program as it does to working service dogs, it is Guiding Eyes' policy that you check with a manager or the business owner before visiting a public place where dogs are not normally permitted. If you are asked to leave by anyone, politely excuse yourself without further explanation.

As a puppy raiser, you have many opportunities to expose your pup to the sights and sounds of the world. Not being able to go into certain stores or public places will not negatively impact your pup's training progress. Making an issue of it, however, negatively impacts Guiding Eyes and the openness with which these same businesses may welcome a service dog user.

Guiding Eyes *does* believe strongly in the right of every service dog user to have equal access to public places as stated in the Revised ADA Requirement and encourages users or anyone who may witness a violation of these access rights to report the offense to their local law enforcement agency.

We thank you for the critical role you play in helping to promote our mission both through raising one of our future guide dogs and through the interactions you have with individuals and with the community as you socialize your puppy.